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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Efimov, et al.

Serial No.: 10/072,975

Filed: 9 FEB 2002

For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES,
METHODS OF SYNTHESIS, AND
METHODS OF USE

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Examiner: Riley, J.

Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the non-final Office Action dated 9 October 2003. A petition (including payment) for a one-month extension of time accompanies this paper, thereby extending until 9 October 2003 the period for making a timely reply.

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